

**Mission Canyon Association**  
**Minutes of the Board Meeting**  
**March 5, 2002**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mission Canyon Association, a California corporation, was held at the McVeigh House at the Museum of Natural History on March 5, 2002 beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Present were Ray Smith, Randy Reetz, Richard Edick, Charles Dal'Arbre, Jenny Cushnie, Kathy Koury, Mark Carr, Damaris Lee, Susan Davidson, Gillian Launie and Victor Schumacher. Absent were Tim Steele, Bob Maloy, Dorothy Vea (elections work), and Nancy Bertelson (elections work). Paulina Conn also attended the meeting.

Ray Smith chaired the meeting. Mr. Reetz' minutes of the preceding meeting held January 8, 2002 were approved. In the absence of Ms. Launie, no financial report was presented.

Ray Smith announced that he had received confirmation that the Botanic Garden's braintrust – Dr. Schneider, Sid Goldstein, Doug Singletary, Isabelle Green, Eric Hvolboll, and Lynn Karlson would appear at our Annual Meeting on April 16<sup>th</sup>. The sense of the Board was that the Annual Meeting would be the opportunity for the Garden, without equal time for an opposing position, to make its case to the Canyon residents. Jenny Cushnie added that Bruce Carter could also appear, and speak briefly on fire issues.

Mr. Reetz was instructed to contact Cal Trans for an update on the Foothill Road project.

Victor Schumacher advised that he would be leaving our Board and his position on the ABR after April 2002. He suggested as a replacement Tom Jacobs, both as a director and ASBR representative, and would contact him to determine his availability. Damaris Lee volunteered and was appointed to serve on the ABR Committee.

It was also noted that Richard Martin's position on the Board would also be vacant after April 2002, and a replacement should be found for his directorship.

Ms. Launie's Treasurer's Report -- \$181.18 in interest, plus two renewals, plus a contribution of \$50 -- was submitted and approved.



The Board received a report on Richard Church's presentation to Naomi Schwartz.

Jennie Cushnie advised that the local fire chiefs will be doing a house-to-house blanket of Mission Canyon Heights households on April 6<sup>th</sup>, to explain evacuation strategies and generally raise awareness of fire safety among the residents. Publicity for this event will appear in the News Press, but should also be covered in the forthcoming issue of our Newsletter.

Discussion ensued about the "Evacuation Night", to be held on May 14<sup>th</sup> at Fleishman Auditorium, possible to be hosted jointly with the Riviera Association (Jenny or Randy to check

on this). There will be demos of fireproof paints, foam, the chipper, and other fire prevention equipment.

The Board heard comments regarding the ABR and Planning Commission's handling of the Brinkman project at 1135 Tunnel Road. Jana Zimmer had spoken with Ray Smith, Jana indicating that our ABR approval of the project might make it difficult for the Association to now oppose this project. However, Dr. Smith noted that our ABR is handcuffed by an outmoded Specific Plan, which lacks specific limitations on the size, bulk and scale of new residences. Dr. Smith said he would appear at the Commission hearing tomorrow (March 6<sup>th</sup>) to express the opinion of our Board.

Mark Carr reported that semi trucks had been traveling up Mission Canyon Road at 1:30 am, to make deliveries.

Paulina Conn addressed the Board on several Botanic garden-related issues:

- Two water meters issued to the Botanic Garden (the President's residence and the cottages on Las Canoas (charged at 130% of the City base rate); and two water meters issued as "irrigation commercial" and "irrigation recreational" (charged at the same City base rate).
- The landmark status petition
- An interesting post card depicting the Lassiter Boulder, taken by Art Locker, circa 1984
- The availability of GIS maps from the County

The Land Use Committee will meet with the Botanic Garden on February 13<sup>th</sup>. SAGE representatives will not be accompanying our LUC representatives, unless invited to do so by the Garden.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm. The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, April 2d, 2002 at 7:30 pm.

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Randy Reetz, Secretary



